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ATTEST:

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting 02-89

January 17, 1989

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland on Tuesday, January 17, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember Stephen N. Abrams

Councilmember James Coyle

Councilmember Viola Hovsepian

Councilmember David Robbins

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Attorney Paul Glasgow, and City Clerk Margaret Gearin.

Re: Public Hearing to receive proposals
for Community Development Block
Grant (CDBG) funding for Fiscal
Year 1990.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for two weeks until January 20, 1989 at 5:00 p.m.

Re: Public Hearing -- Annexation
Petition X-105-88, Joseph A.
Lynott, Attorney for EBH
Enterprises, Ltd., Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Annexation Petition X-105-88, which requests annexation into the City of Rockville and R-90 zoning of a 5.04

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acre parcel located on the southwest side of Darnestown opposite Research Boulevard. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for one month until February 17, 1989 at 5:00 p.m.

Re: Public Hearing -- Exploratory
Application for Residential
Townhouse Development RTH-10-88,
Joseph A. Lynott, Attorney for EBH
Enterprises, Ltd., Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Exploratory Application for Residential Development, RTH-10-88, which seeks exploratory stage approval for a 38-unit townhouse development on a 10.63 acre site located on the southwest side of Darnestown Road opposite Research Boulevard. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for one month until February 17, 1989 at 5:00 p.m.

Re: Public Hearing -- Application
to Close and Abandon Public
Way SCA-56-88, American
Machine Tool Distributors'
Association, Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Application to Close and Abandon Public Way SCA-56-88, which would abandon a public service drive easement across the frontage of 1335 Rockville Pike. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for two weeks until January 31, 1989 at 5:00 p.m.

Re: Citizen's Forum

Since no citizens wished to address the Mayor and Council at this time, Mayor

Duncan declared Citizens' Forum closed.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

1. RE: Second Quarter Rent Increase Report.

Councilmember Robbins asked for clarification of the average rent increase and guidelines followed in arriving at the statistics. Mayor Duncan observed that it is usual for the Mayor and Council to receive a summary report by apartment complex. The City Manager agreed to provide an interpretive format for the Report.

2. RE: Route 28 and Hurley Avenue Selective Enforcement.

Councilmember Coyle thanked the police for their attention to the traffic problem at this intersection.

Mayor Duncan asked if an officer could provide traffic direction for approximately two hours there each morning in addition to selective enforcement. The City Manager responded that it should be a conscious policy decision to do that since there are three or four other intersections that are equally as bad. Mayor Duncan requested a memo on the options for additional two hour coverage and the names of the other intersections experiencing traffic problems. He also thanked the City Manager for his report on the safety of employees in the City and the grievance process for employees to follow if there is a problem.

3. RE: Drinking Water Education Plan.

Councilmember Abrams noted that he hoped Rockville would participate in a proposed model information plan for the public with regard to lead levels in drinking water.

Re: New Business

1. RE: Parking boats and trailers on streets in residential areas.

Councilmember Abrams asked for a status report and options available to citizens and a copy of the ordinance for the Mayor and Council.

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2. RE: Day Care Task Force.

Mayor Duncan asked for a status report.

3. RE: Inauguration Day.

Mayor Duncan asked that the American Flags be put up on January 20th.

4. RE: Recognition of high school teams.

Mayor Duncan asked that the award winning field hockey team at Richard Montgomery High School and the Wooton High School volleyball team be invited to a Mayor and Council meeting for recognition.

5. RE: Field lights for Rockville High School.

Mayor Duncan noted that Rockville High had collected money for its field lights and the City has to respond by January 30th to provide matching funds. Councilmember Abrams explained that this may be a duplication of a new County policy to provide matching funds. The City Manager will obtain further information from the County and provide a memo in FYI.

6. RE: County deferment of \$1.2 million from budget to modernize Richard Montgomery High School.

Mayor Duncan referred this issue to the Education Committee and asked for a letter of support before January 30th for reinstating these funds in the County budget since modernization of Richard Montgomery High School was an inducement given at the time of recent boundary changes. Also, the date for testimony before the County Council should be obtained.

7. RE: Art in City Hall.

Mayor Duncan reported that the Rockville Art League wishes to expand its rotating exhibit in City Hall by adding four paintings in the lobby. Under City Manager Blick, the policy was to have no pictures on the walls. By a vote of 5/0, the Mayor and Council agreed to permit the Art League to expand its exhibit as

requested.

8. RE: Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration.

Mayor Duncan thanked the Human Rights Commission and staff for a moving and excellent program including a speech by Dr. Diggs of the National Institutes of Health which was attended by 500 people

Councilmember Abrams suggested that Dr. Diggs be invited to repeat the speech at a Mayor and Council meeting. Mayor Duncan suggested that Dr. Diggs be invited to speak at the Issues Forum in March with the Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor and Council.

9. Councilmember Coyle asked that the Human Rights Commission investigate the possibility of recruiting more applicants to receive the Human Rights Award next year.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and passed by a vote of 4/0, the Minutes of Meeting No. 40-88 (October 24, 1988) were approved as written. Councilmember Coyle abstained from the vote since he was not present at that meeting.

Re: Executive Session

On motion of Councilmember Abrams, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote, the Mayor and Council convened at 9:30 p.m. in Executive Session to discuss personnel and land disposition in the City Manager's Conference Room, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Executive Session, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m. to convene again in General Session on January 23, 1989 or at the call of the Mayor.